

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee Public Hearing of April 27, 2006 – 8:30 a.m.**

The public hearing was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice-Chair Swan.

**Present:** Vice-Chair David Swan, County Board Supervisors Joe Marchese, Jeffrey Morris, Karl Nilson, Fritz Ruf, David Swan and Peter Wolff; **Absent:** Ken Herro and Karl Nilson

**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Public Works Business Mgr. Betsy Crosswaite, Transit Director Bob Johnson, Director of Planning/Admin. Andrew Johnson (Waukesha Metro Transit), Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski, Tom Dieckelman of Wisconsin Coach Lines

Swan asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to speak. No one from the public was in attendance. Legis.Associate Meisenheimer read a letter that was delivered to the County Board office yesterday from Donna Czysz of Waukesha. Ms. Czysz asked that her letter be read at the public hearing. She is in favor of eliminating Route 311. B.Johnson distributed copies of a letter he received from Dallas Teigs, a rider on Route 311 who asked that the route not be eliminated.

B.Johnson gave some background on Route 311, which started a couple of years ago. It was funded by CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation Air Quality), which is a federal program that pays 80% of the deficit incurred on transit routes. The other 20% is paid by the county. B. Johnson said Route 311 has been tried in a number of different forms over the years. It operates from downtown Waukesha through the Pewaukee area. They tried numerous things to improve ridership but nothing has worked. It is incurring a huge deficit and only carrying approximately 2-3 passengers per vehicle hour which is way below the standard. Therefore, they are recommending the elimination of Route 311, effective after June 9, 2006.

A.Johnson stated they did try this route as a flex route by picking up and/or dropping off a person where they requested it. It did result in a slight increase in ridership. Marchese asked what does it cost per rider? B.Johnson replied \$34.68 per rider in 2005. Swan asked what does the rider pay? B.Johnson said \$1.50.

Swan declared the public hearing closed at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe C. Marchese  
Secretary

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